steps taken in pursuance thereof, improvements have been registered in different performance indicators, as summarised below:

Particulars	Unit	1988-89	1989-90
Fleet utilisation	%	86.75	89.04
Operational ratio	%	91.91	93.60
KM efficiency	%	92.27	93.44
B/Downs per 10,000 Kms.	No	1.58	0.82
Accident per 1 lakh Kms.	No	1.49	1.21

(c) There have been certain instances of this nature. There have been standing instructions by DTC, reiterated from time to time, to the drivers that they should park their buses at the bus stands and that they should bring the buses to dead halt for safe alighting and boarding of the passengers. The supervisory staff has been also instructed to take action against the defaulters. During the period from 13th June to 16th August, 1990, there have been 307 cases of wrong parking and the erring drivers have been challaned.

(d) While the well-painted destination boards are displayed on the buses operating on regular routes, there are occasions when on account of dislocation of regular service, the buses are required to be diverted on routes other than the scheduled routes. In such situations, route number and destination board happen to be written in chalk, since the destination boards indicating the route on which the bus has been diverted are not available with the bus crew.

Indians in Saudi Arabian Jails

1650. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians imprisoned in Saudi Arabian jails and out of that how many are Keralites;

(b) what were the nature of offences committed by these prisoners; and

(c) what steps Government contemplat eto get these prisoners released who are langunishing in Saudi jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Casualities of Indian People in Saudi Arabia

1651. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian nationals especially Keralites died recently in Saudi Arabia;

(b) whether these deaths are all natural or any foul play involved;

(c) what is the actual cause of the delay in bringing the dead bodies to India; and

(d) whether it was due to non-cooperation of Saudi Government or inaction of our Embassy; if so, the details thereof?